

CLERK: 741 was a bill introduced by Senators Landis, Morehead, Hefner, Moore, Nelson, Conway, Korshoj, Chizek, Withem, Wesely. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to the Banking Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Banking Committee, Mr. President. (See Standing Committee amendment, AMO647, on page 1203 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion of the committee amendments. Chairman Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 741 as introduced was quite an ambitious extensive provision regarding tourism. The bill would have created a Tourism Development Authority, created an Interagency Coordinating Council and changed some provisions on highway signs. The committee amendments would remove all sections from the bill except those pertaining to the commercial road signs. These amendments regarding signs were presented to the committee at the public hearing by the Department of Roads. The amendments would redefine the term, specific information of interest to the traveling public. The amendments provide that commercial operations using what would now be called business signs must pay an annual fee set by the Department of Roads for posting business signs and also pay the actual cost of the specific information sign panels, the specific information sign panels when not yet installed. The amendments would require that the panels and the signs must conform to federal and state statutes and regulations. The amendments would provide that revenue received for erecting the signs and the panels will be placed in the Highway Cash Fund. The amendments would enact definition for the terms, new terms of business sign and specific information sign panel. I would urge the body to adopt these amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: On the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anyone care to discuss the committee amendments? Any closing comment Senator Remmers? The question is then, shall the committee amendments to 741 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please